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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending October 26, 2003, fall harvest continued to make good progress due to warmer than average temperatures and no rainfall, according to USDA’s Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Producer’s harvest activities began to shift to corn last week as soybean harvest neared completion.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures averaged from 4 to 8 degrees above normals for the week. Precipitation was virtually nonexistent across the state.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska,  
Week Ending October 26, 2003

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Topsoil				
Very Short	34	34	18	21
Short	42	32	29	30
Adequate	24	34	51	48
Surplus	0	0	2	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	49	50	51	32
Short	39	38	33	29
Adequate	12	12	16	39
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	6.8	6.0	3.7	5.7

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvest reached 59 percent, ahead of last year at 56 but a week behind average at 72.

Soybean harvest progressed to 95 percent complete, ahead of last year at 85 and average at 91.

Sorghum harvest was 64 percent completed, behind last year at 70 and average at 76.

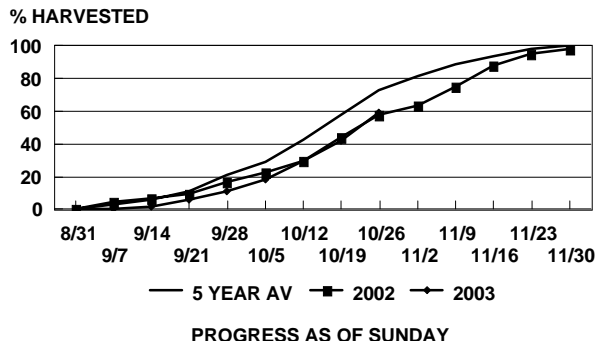
Wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 33 fair, 46 good, and 7 excellent. Ninety-six percent had emerged, ahead of last year at 95 but the same as average.

Alfalfa condition rated 10 percent very poor, 19 poor, 38 fair, 27 good, and 6 excellent.

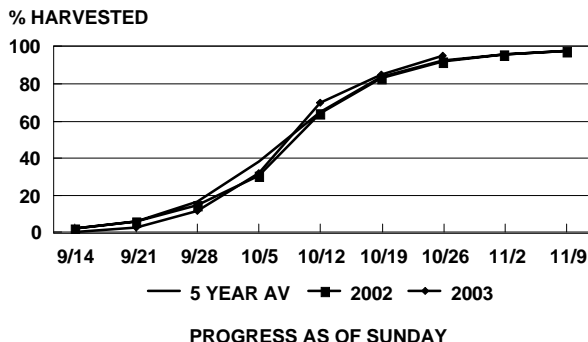
Crop Progress: Nebraska,  
Week Ending October 26, 2003

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Corn Harvested	59	42	56	72
Soybeans Harvested	95	85	85	91
Sorghum Harvested	64	49	70	76
Wheat Emerged	96	91	95	96

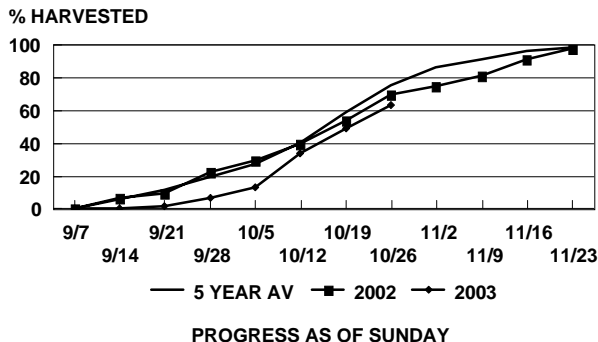
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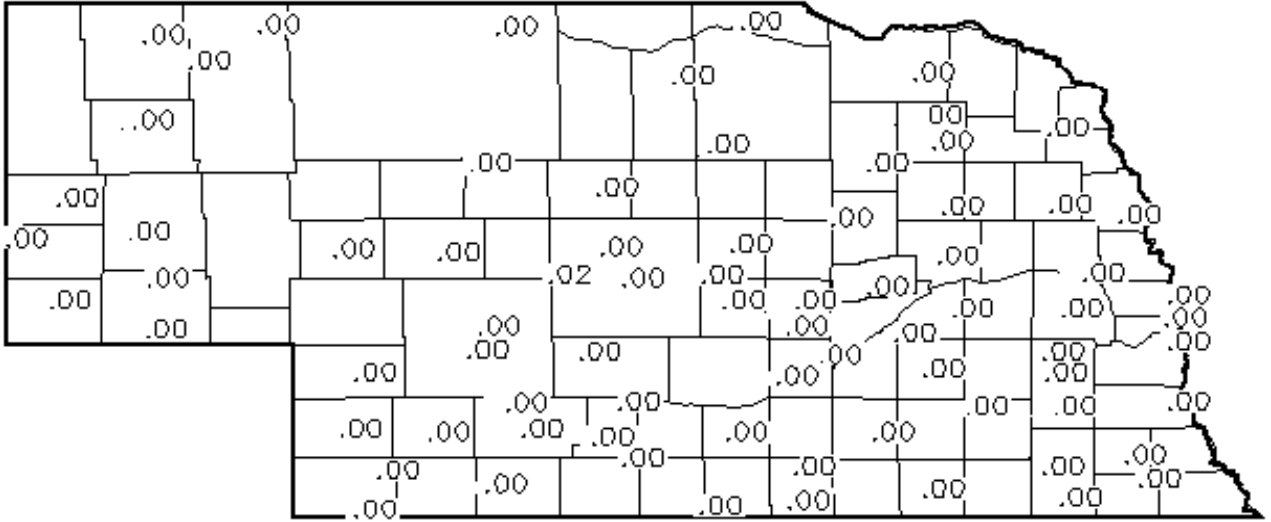
Crop Condition: Nebraska,  
Week Ending October 26, 2003

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Wheat	3	11	33	46	7
Alfalfa	10	19	38	27	6

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range condition rated 33 percent very poor, 31 poor, 28 fair, 8 good, and 0 excellent, above last year but below average. Cattle continued to be moved to stalk fields as they became available.

*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts\\_cur.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm)*

Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending October 26, 2003



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - October 26, 2003

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total since April 1	12.28	13.97	21.14	17.15	20.73	15.07	16.96	23.32
Normal since April 1	13.76	17.73	20.83	19.51	22.92	16.49	19.59	24.08
Total as % of normal	89%	78%	101%	88%	90%	90%	86%	97%

Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m.

Temperature: By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, October 26, 2003

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	86	18	53	+7
	Scottsbluff	86	21	51	+6
	Sidney	88	23	54	+8
NC	Ainsworth	87	21	53	+6
	Arthur	86	20	54	+7
	O'Neill	86	19	53	+5
NE	Concord	84	21	52	+4
	Elgin	87	22	55	+7
	West Point	86	25	54	+4
C	Grand Island	88	19	55	+6
	Lexington	87	22	56	+7
	Ord	88	18	52	+4
EC	Lincoln	86	29	57	+6
	Central City	87	19	55	+5
	Mead	87	29	55	+4
SW	Champion	90	18	54	+6
	North Platte	89	17	53	+5
	Curtis	89	18	55	+7
SC	Arapahoe	87	21	53	+6
	Minden	88	20	56	+7
	Red Cloud	89	20	57	+7
SE	Beatrice	86	23	56	+5
	Clay Center	88	20	55	+6
	Nemaha	87	36	61	+8

Source: High Plains Climate Center.